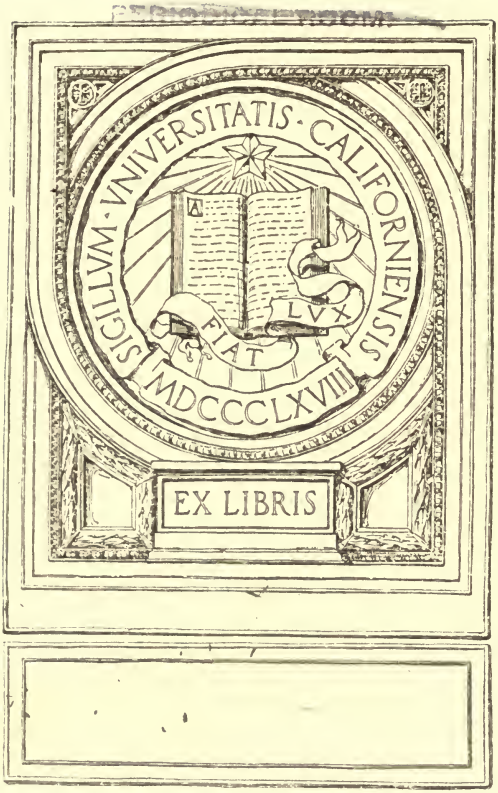
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HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT

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I FELT it my dooty to visit Washinton. The misarable condishon the Dimocrisy find themselves into sinse the elecshen makes it nessary that suthin be did, and therefore I determind to see wat cood be effectid by a persnel inteview with the President.

Interdoosin myself, I opened upon him delikitly, thus: "Linkin," sez I, "ez a Dimocrat, a free-born Dimocrat, who is prepard to die with neetnis and dispatch, and on short notis, fer the inalienable rite of free speech—Knoin also that you er a goriller, a feendish ape, a thirster after blud, I speek."

"Speek on," sez he.

"I am a Ohio Dimocrat," sez I, "who has repoodiatid Valandigum."

"Before or sinse the elecshin did you repoodiate him?" sez he.

"Sinse," retorted I.

"I thot so," sed he. "I would hed dun it too, hed I bin you," continuered he, with a goriller-like grin.

"We air now in favor uv a viggerus prosecushen uv the war, and we want you to so alter yoor polisy that we kin act with you, corjelly," sez I.

"Say on," sez he.

"I will. We dont want you to change yoor polisy materially.

We air modrit. Anxshus to support yoo, we ask yoo to adopt the follerin' triflin' changis:

Restoar to us our habis corpusses, as good ez new.

Arrest no moar men, wimmin and children fer opinyun's saik. Repele the ojus confisticashen bill, wich irrytaits the Suthern mind and fires the Suthern hart.

Do away with drafts and conskripshens.

Revoak the Emansipashen proclamashen, and give bonds that you'll never ishoo another.

Do away with tresury noats and such, and pay nuthin but gold.

Protect our dawters from nigger eqwality.

Disarm yoor nigger soljers, and send back the niggers to ther owners, to conciliate them.

Offer to assoom the war indetednis uv the South, and plej the Guvernment to remoonerate our Suthern brethren fer the losses they hev sustaned in this onnatral war.

Call a convenshen uv Suthern men and sech gileless Northern men ez F. Peerce, J. Bookannun, Fernandough Wood and myself, to agree upon the terms of reunion.

"Is that all?" sez the goriller.

"No," sez I, promptly. "Ez a garantee uv good faith to us, we shel insist that the best haff uv the orifises be given to Dimocrats who repoodiate Valandigum. Do this, Linkin, and you throw lard ile on the trubbled waters. Do this and you rally to yoor support thowsends uv noble Dimocrats who went out uv offis with Bookannun, and hev bin gittin ther whisky on tick ever sinse. We hev maid sakrifises. We hev repoodiated Valandigum—we care not ef he rots in Canady—we are willin to jine the war party, reservin to ourselves the poor privilidge uv dictatin how and on what prin-

sipples it shel be carried on. Linkin! Goriller! Ape! I hev dun."

The President replide that he wood give the matter serious considerashen. He wood menshen the idee uv resinin to Seward, Chais and Blair, and wood address a serculer to the Postmasters et settry, an see how menny uv em wood be willin' to resine to acommodait Dimocrats. He had no doubt sevral wood do it to wunst. "Is ther any littel thing I kin do fer you?"

"Nothin pertikler. I wood accept a small Post orfis, if sitooatid within ezy range uv a distilry. My politikle daze is well-nigh over. Let me but see the old party wunst moar in the assendency—let these old eyes onct moar behold the Constooshen ez it is, the Union ez it wuz, and the Nigger ware he ought 2 be, and I will rap the mantel of privit life arownd me, and go in2 delirum tremens happy. I hev no ambishen. I am in the sear and yaller leef. These whitnin lox, them sunken cheak, warn me that age and whisky hev dun ther perfeck work, and that I shell soon go hents. Linkin, scorn not my wurds, I hev sed. Adoo."

So sayin I wavd my hand impressively and walkd away.

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